

THE INDEPENDENT

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HILLIER ADVISES COUNCIL TO FORGET ABOUT TEAM

Special Session of Council was a "Very Harmonious" one, Till Coun. Hillier Hurdled a "Bomb," Into its Midst

CEMETERY RATES

Orders for Spray Placed and Municipal Spray Wagon Will do the Work for the Ratepayers if they so Desire it

The sudden demise of one of the town's newly acquired horses a week ago caused a special session of the town council to be called on Wednesday night last, when another "Very Harmonious" session was held.

Councillor Hillier hurried another bomb into the council camp, when he moved the following motion: "That the one horse owned by the town be sold and dump wagon and dump cart be returned to the people purchased from; also harness and that a team be forgotten for a village of 1900 people." The motion did not secure a second and therefore was lost.

Councillor Marsh then stepped into the breach and moved a motion, seconded by Bourne: "That Councillor Randall and Clerk Bromley be a committee to go to Toronto or elsewhere, with the power to buy another horse or team if they can't match the horse we now have, and to act at once." The motion carried unanimously.

Marsh-Randall-That the order be spray for the town for 1917, the division equally between J. J. Cass and the Ontario and Western, to their prices being equal. Carried.

Marsh-Hillier-Motion, that the order be spray for the town for 1917, the division equally between J. J. Cass and the Ontario and Western, to their prices being equal. Carried.

The question of raising the rates for the Queen's Lawn Cemetery came up for discussion and were finally set.

Council adjourned.

BILLY SUNDAY AGAINST RAISER

Billy Sunday, speaking in Buffalo, had this much to say about Germany and the war: "Jesus, you're sure taking a lot of back talk from the Kaiser. I wish, Lord, you'd tell America to wipe Germany off the map, even as you commanded Israel to destroy the corrupt and idolatrous Canaanites. And I'll tell that New York tabernacle into a recruiting station if congress'll only say the word. "Jesus shall be our commander, and he has von Hindenburg beaten to a frazzle."

TARVIA ROAD COST \$10,000 PER MILE

The cost of construction of this piece of road, which was an experimental project, was \$10,000. Roughly speaking \$20,000 and was made up as follows:

Carb and gutter.....\$1045.25
Tile drain.....1215.16
Spreading, rolling, etc.....2159.62
Hauling and Labor.....3389.98
Tarvia.....5962.90
Miscellaneous.....1073.64
Culverts.....145.12

Total.....\$19,732.64

The road in question was built on that portion of the Q. & G. Road across 21, 22 and 23 Concession 4, South Township and Lots 1 and 2 Concession 5, Clinton Township.

When it was decided by the County Council and the Q. & G. Committee last spring to build a piece of Tarvia road as an experimental, several members of the Council with Engineers and Mr. McLean the Government Road Engineer spent three days inspecting roads of the same kind in New York state. While on this trip they were in charge of New York State Road, engineers and were given all the information as to cost, stability, building and maintenance that the New Yorkers possessed.

When the work of constructing the new road commenced Peter Hubertson, now superintendent of the Q. & G. Rd., then chairman of the Q. & G. Rd. Committee, and Mr. McLean, the Government Road Engineer, spent three days inspecting roads of the same kind in New York state. While on this trip they were in charge of New York State Road, engineers and were given all the information as to cost, stability, building and maintenance that the New Yorkers possessed.

Where the high cost of construction this road comes in, the Government staff estimated that Tarvia road could be laid for \$5,500 a mile at the outside. Mr. McLean, Chief Government Engineer, estimated that Tarvia road can be laid for \$4,000 a mile, while the Tarvia manufacturers only estimate the cost at \$7,500, yet Lincoln County had to pay \$10,000 a mile.

Tarvia road is nothing more than a mixture of stone and tar, mixed thoroughly in the right proportions and laid much after the fashion of cement but it has not nearly the wearing qualities or the stability that cement has. At \$10,000 a mile Lincoln County could have laid a permanent cement roadway, for but very little more money. Supt. Bromley laid close to a third of a mile of cement pavement in GRIMSBY at the rate of less than \$10,000 a mile and we cannot see why Lincoln cannot do the same, without wasting their money at the same rate for a much more inferior article.

DIED

COSBY—At his home at Winslow, Ont., on Sunday, March 25, 1917, Eli H. Cosby, in his 55th year.

MERRITTON ISSUES AN INJUNCTION; COUNTY COUNCIL WILL FIGHT

County's New Good Roads System and Building of Permanent Cement Highway Does Not Suit Eastern Village Officials—Recent Good Roads By-law is the Subject of the Assault.

In issuing a writ against the County of Lincoln to restrain the County from proceeding with its good roads programme, Merrittton has opened up an interesting feature in municipal matters. The writ was served on Warden Claus on Monday, but news of the matter did not spread around till Tuesday afternoon. Merrittton holds the by-law is illegal and ultra vires, inasmuch as King and others are acting for Merrittton and W. Marquis is solicitor for the County.

Under the programme as decided upon by the last session of the County Council, Lincoln was to inaugurate a system of improved trunk highways totalling 127 miles, without the Grimsby and Queenston stone road, which adds some 33 miles more. These highways were to be built in all parts of the county at a cost varying from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per mile, according to traffic, etc. A by-law was passed by the county council and is now in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor in Lincoln awaiting approval.

Monday a joint meeting of the councils of St. Catharines and of the county was held, and various features of the bill scheme were discussed and the basis of cost was explained by the Deputy Minister of Highways A. W. McLean of Toronto. Everything seemed to be harmonious but Mr. McLean's issuance of an injunction against the whole work has opened up the question as to whether County Councils are entitled to inaugurate such programmes under the Highway Act, and under which other municipalities are proceeding.

In view of the fact that the Highway Act is now in force, it is not surprising that the County Council of Lincoln is now in a position to issue an injunction.

TAPLEYTOWN

The Tapleystown Literary Society will hold its closing meeting for the season on Friday evening, March 30, in St. George's Hall, giving a good concert programme.

St. George's Church members are giving over the church cemetery ground to the management and care of the Township Council. Mr. J. K. Norton and daughter, Miss Louie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Penfold, recently.

Owing to the inclement weather on Friday evening last, the Tapleystown Literary Society did not hold its regular meeting.

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION ARRIVES WITH SPRING

Spring is here once more and so is the traffic congestion on Main St. and in another month it will be worse still.

For over two years now the INDEPENDENT has been agitating for a traffic by-law to regulate the traffic on Main St., but up to the present time our worthy town fathers have not seen fit to put such an ordinance into operation, badly as it was needed.

Traffic congestion on Main St. during the Spring, Summer and Fall months is very bad and has been getting worse every year but still no action has ever been taken by any body of men who have filled the seats around our Council board. Summer will soon be here and with its arrival will come the great mass of fruit drays rushing hither and thither in all directions, on all sides of the street and menacing the life and limb of the poor lowly pedestrian. Now is the time for the Town Council to take action and remedy this state of affairs handed down from the "Rube Village" days.

At the present time the "Jay Drivers" drive and wander all over the street in a hapless, shapeless manner and as a consequence a pedestrian has a hard time making his or her way back and forth across the street. The fruit growers and farmers and automobile drivers are to blame to a certain extent, but the town fathers are more to blame and have never made an effort in any way to remedy this state of affairs.

The fact that Dupont St. only runs as far as Main St. and not right across Main St. and on to the mountain makes the dangerous one in the summer months. A bad corner at the best, but when you get a bunch of rigs and automobiles, motorcycles and a pin-headed speeder and all going in different directions it makes this intersection a very dangerous one indeed, and a waiting place for accidents.

Horses tied along the street in another nuisance that must be remedied. Farmers and fruit growers drive into town, tie up on the wrong side of the street to begin with and in the next place leave their rigs standing on an angle with the back end sticking right out into the middle of the road. It was only Thursday of last week that a farmer tied his team up in front of a Main St. store and went away and left his wagon projecting out into the street to such an extent that there was only a clearance between the back end of his hay rack and the street car track, two feet four and one-half inches. Had this farmer done the same trick in Hamilton he would have been hauled into court and made pay a fine, and rightly so. We do not blame the farmer all together, because he knows nothing of traffic laws and cares less and there was nobody to tell him. When he tied his team up he never thought for a moment that he was in GRIMSBY "The biggest town in Lincoln County" where there was heavy traffic traveling in all directions and that his wagon was blocking the roadway. The man simply tied his team up and went away on business and never gave the matter any more thought than if he had done the same thing in Beamsville or Smithville instead of on the busy, traffic congested, Main St. of GRIMSBY.

If Councillor Hillier had spent as much time during the past winter in promoting a traffic by-law for GRIMSBY as he did in boosting his freakish, unworkable snow by-law he would have been doing something worth while. If the town council had spent as much time and energy in discussing a proper traffic by-law for Main St. during the past two months as they did in discussing Hillier's Country Crossroads snow by-law they would have earned the thanks of every pedestrian in this district and would have moved their town one step further upwards towards the Big Town class.

This by-law is a necessity in GRIMSBY now and we hope that the gentlemen representing the ratepayers of this thriving town around the council table will see the light of day and pass such an ordinance without any further delay.

LIBERAL CONFERENCE IN HALIFAX

The Liberals of the counties of Brant, Haldimand, Lincoln, Norfolk, Oxford, Welland and Wentworth, will hold a Conference in the city of Halifax, on Monday, and Tuesday, Apr. 2nd and 3rd, 1917. The Halifax Ladies Liberal Association will co-operate in having the ladies in attendance.

AN OLD GRIMSBY BOY MAKES THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

Lt.-Col. S. W. Hewetson, who Spent his Boyhood Days in Grimsby, Lays Down his Life in France

A. D. M. S. OF DIST. 13

After Leaving Grimsby he Took up his Residence in Pincher Creek, Alta. and Practiced Medicine There

Lieut.-Col. S. W. Hewetson, who spent his boyhood days in GRIMSBY, has made the supreme sacrifice, having been killed in France some time ago.

Many of the citizens of the present GRIMSBY will not remember Samuel Hewetson but all the older ones will remember both him and his father. The family resided on a farm which thirty-five years ago was considered one of the most perfectly kept and cultivated fruit farms in the township of North GRIMSBY, situated about a mile east of the village. The property afterwards passed to George P. Morphy, later to W. W. Beamer, and still later to Stirling Cook, a portion of it is still owned by the Cook family.

Samuel Hewetson, a son of the late J. W. Hewetson, spent his boyhood days in GRIMSBY and afterwards returned here often to visit with his uncle, the late Thomas Rome.

After completing his education he went west and lived at Pincher Creek and Calgary. A western newspaper has the following to say of the death of Lieut.-Col. Samuel Hewetson:

"The death of Lieut.-Col. S. W. Hewetson is announced in the last casualty list issued by Ottawa, and this is confirmed by a telegram that has been received by his sister, Mrs. J. W. Hunter, of Pincher Creek."

The late soldier, who was a member of the 10th Canadian Infantry, left for the front in March, 1915, in charge of a Field Ambulance detachment. He had been prominently attached to the medical section, being appointed in 1905 A.D. M.S. in Military District No. 13. Previously he practiced professionally in Pincher Creek. "It was reported some little time ago that after several months in the firing line that the deceased colonel was suffering from a nervous breakdown and shell shock, but the sad news of his death was entirely unexpected, and has been received with the deepest sorrow at local military headquarters."

"The colonel, who was about 43 years of age, was an extremely popular officer, and his death will be regretted by a large circle of friends both in Calgary and at Pincher Creek."

DIED

REIMER—At the City Hospital, St. Catharines, on Thursday, March 22, 1917, Annie, beloved wife of Alfred Reimer of GRIMSBY, in her 54th year.

W. C. T. U.

The April meeting of GRIMSBY Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Atkinson, Adelaide St. N., on Tuesday, April 3, at a p.m. 7.30. All the members are earnestly urged to attend. Come and bring a friend.

MUNICIPAL MOVEMENTS

The new town team hitched to a yellow-coated dump wagon with Peter Pelker as pilot, made its first appearance on the streets Monday morning.

Councillor Randall and Supt. Bromley were in Toronto last Thursday buying a new horse for the town, to take the place of the one that "kicked in" last week.

Town Teamster Peter Pelker has christened his new team with very appropriate names. The one horse is called "Frank" after Ald. Randall, and the other one "Charlie" after Reece Parrell and Supt. Bromley. "Henry," he died, being named after Aldermen Hillier and Marsh.

Charles E. D. Downs has started his Spring work in Queen's Lawn Cemetery and is very busily engaged trimming the trees and rose bushes.

Work at the lake on the new sedimentation basin will be finished this week.

A new stable and wagon shed is to be built on the town's Orchard Lake property. The new building will be a frame and metal lath structure, covered with stucco and will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000.



Photo taken on landing at Queenstown of exhausted but cheerful passengers of the submarine Uper. Third from the left is Frank Poulton, of Keweenaw, N.Y. The soldier man is Henry G. Pope, of St. Catharines, Ont. Both are Y.M.C.A. secretaries on their way to work among Canadian soldiers in France.

ONE MINUTE INTERVIEWS with prominent people

"I sold the town that set of brass mounted harness for the new team. How do you like it? Pretty swell, eh wint?"—Col. Jimmy Updell of the Harness Brigade.

"We need a Traffic By-Law for this Act, by By-law and need it badly."—Editor INDEPENDENT.

"Everybody should see the 'Health Pictures' in Moore's Theatre, on Thursday night, and then govern themselves accordingly."—Dr. Alexander, M.O.H.

"I don't think my rights as a landowner are being protected, if the fruit growers persist in bringing 200 fair Co-Eds here to pick fruit."—"Banty" Culp, Bachelor Extraordinary.

"The people have either got to spray their trees or else cut them down. Law is law and I am on the war-path."—San Jose Scale Inspector Grace.

"I am some little account collector, and 17 30 year old accounts are due for me."—Wm. Parrow, Painter and Glazier.

"Just watch how clean GRIMSBY's streets are going to be this summer."—Ald. Marsh, Chairman Board of Works.

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—Mrs. PIERCE COURNAY, Blackstone, Mass.
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MAINLY FOR WOMEN

RICE VERSUS POTATOES

Rice a Good Potato Substitute. Difficulty of Making People Accept it Instead of the Time-honoured Tuber—Interesting Ways of Cooking to Avoid Monotony.

Rice, as everybody admits, is the logical potato substitute in these days when potatoes, once the humble standby of the poor as well as a daily visitor to the tables of the rich, have, with cabbages and onions, joined the ranks of trifles and French artichokes.

We eat potatoes because of the starch they contain. Rice, too, is a starchy food. Indeed, rice contains some three times as much starch as do potatoes—about 75 per cent., whereas potatoes rarely contain more than 25 per cent.

As a rice, we are not very fond of rice. And it must be admitted that rice has, in itself, little flavor, however, when a moving-picture theatre, to gain publicity, doubtless, takes potatoes in payment for orchestra seats and onions for box seats, we must do something—we must accept some potato substitute, most of us, even if we don't like it.

Rice is cheap, it is easily prepared and it is starchy—hence it is the best potato substitute. And we must train ourselves to eat it or we must cook it in ways that are tempting, so that we shall eat it without effort. It has already been substituted, in plain boiled form, on the menus of some of the less expensive restaurants in the table d'hôte dinners and the à la carte meat orders. The notice on the menu of one of these restaurants reads:

"On account of the scarcity of potatoes in the market we are compelled to substitute the following dishes: boiled rice, baked spaghetti. Customers to have their choice."

The trouble about all this effort to substitute rice for potatoes is that "Customers" don't usually want rice at all. They want potatoes. If they do eat rice, it is as an adjunct, not as a substitute. The dietitian in a large college dormitory—which serves more persons than many restaurants—says that it is almost impossible to offer rice in place of potatoes, as so many of the students are not satisfied by it. They may like rice; that is not the point. They simply don't want it in place of potatoes.

Still, many of the less expensive restaurants have been forced to substitute it for potatoes and if their patrons do not want it they must pay a special price for potatoes. Perhaps this argument, made by money, will be a strong factor in teaching rice as a potato substitute.

The task of the housewife who wishes to use rice in place of potatoes is probably going to be difficult, for her family may not relish it as they do their accustomed tuber. But any family ought to be willing to co-operate nowadays to effect economies that will not injure health nor lessen happiness in any way.

On the other hand, the housewife or cook should plan to have rice prepared in varying ways so that it will never become monotonous. The Chinese and Japanese eat rice very much as we do potatoes—very much as the country dwellers, away from the variety markets offer, eat potatoes—plain boiled, two or three times a day. They—the Chinese and Japanese—also make many interesting dishes in which rice is combined with some other food that possesses decided flavor, which rice decidedly lacks. And that is what the American cook must do if she is to make rice palatable.

Rice, containing about 75 per cent. of starch, some woody fiber and water, sometimes a little gluten, makes an almost perfect food combined with egg or cheese, which provide proteins. A dish made in this way is good for the main luncheon course. Combined with milk and sugar, broth or vegetables, all of which give it flavor, it is an admirable adjunct to a meal where meat is served.

Rice must be thoroughly cooked. It will absorb from 2½ to four times its own bulk of liquid and it is a great mistake to try to cook it without enough liquid—water, milk, broth or tomato juice. If milk is used the rice must be cooked in a double boiler.

There are several methods for preparing plain boiled rice, in any event it must be thoroughly washed in several changes of cold water and drained. If possible it should be dried. Then it may be sprinkled slowly into actively boiling, slightly salted water and cooked without a cover for about 25 minutes. Drain it in a colander, pour it into a dish and pour over it a quart of cold water. Drain again and stand in a cool oven to dry. Some cooks cook rice in a double boiler and use only the amount of water that it will absorb. In this way it is not necessary to drain the rice and so the danger of making it soggy in the draining process is eliminated.

Rice croquettes are a pleasant variation from plain boiled rice and are especially good with chicken fricassee or a stew of lamb, mutton, beef or veal. To prepare them, cook one cupful of rice with a quart of milk in a double boiler until all the milk is absorbed. Season well with salt and pepper and a tablespoonful of chopped parsley and the yolks of four eggs, well beaten. Cool slightly, form into croquettes, dip in beaten egg, roll in breadcrumbs and fry in hot fat. Drain and serve with a sprig of parsley stuck in each croquette if desired.

Plain boiled rice can be served at

dinner with strained tomato juice or tomato sauce mixed with it or it may be sprinkled with parsley.

Escalloped rice is one of the combination dishes that is especially desirable at luncheon. To make it, cook half a cupful of rice thoroughly, drain and pour into a buttered baking dish. Make white sauce with two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour and a cupful of milk. Cook until smooth and season with salt and pepper. Just before taking from the fire add half a pound of grated dry American cheese. Stir gently into the rice with a fork, sprinkle breadcrumbs over the top and bake until brown.

A rice and tomato dish with cheese is made by placing alternate layers of cooked rice and grated cheese, about a cupful of rice before it is cooked and half a pound of cheese, in a baking dish. Sprinkle well with salt and pepper and pour over all about a cupful of strained tomatoes. Bake for about twenty minutes in a hot oven.

Rice and nuts can be prepared in

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



this way: Cook a cupful of rice until tender, drain and mix with a cupful of chopped pecan nuts. Season with salt and paprika. Add a cupful of strained tomato juice and bake for about twenty minutes.

Rice and onions can be served together as a vegetable course at dinner. Slice enough onions to fill a cup. Parboil and then chop fine. Add this to a quarter of a pound of uncooked rice and two cupfuls of boiling milk and cook in a double boiler gently for about two hours. Then add two tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley and the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs. Put in a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with breadcrumbs and bits of butter and brown quickly in the oven.

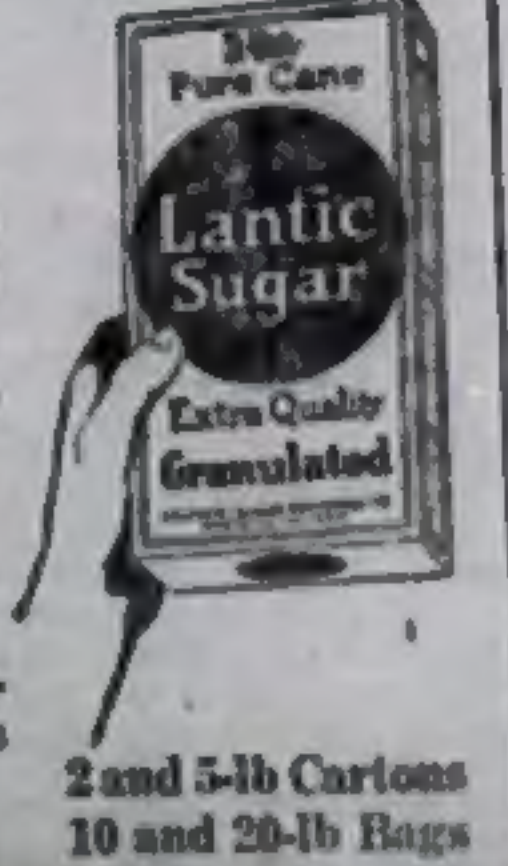
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THANKS FOR LADIES OF EP. WORTH LEAGUE

Happy Valley, Shorham by Sea, Feb. 9th, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Anderson, and ladies of the Epworth League, It gives me great pleasure in writing and to thank you one and all for the much appreciated Christmas box which I received on Feb. 5th, last.

It would be somewhat of a difficult matter for me to express on paper just how I felt as I lifted each article out of the parcel. The old memory of dear Grimsby and its ever willing and hard working ladies was very vivid. I wish to congratulate you for the excellent assortment, which I am sure was no easy task.

Doubtless the most of the 25th boys received your box before Christmas, and I can well imagine just how they would appreciate the contents.

You all so doubt have had news from our boys of B Company and have heard how they went forward, and did their bit, for King and Country.

Many have gone to the Great Beyond, nevertheless their memory will always be with us. The cause is a just one, and I can assure you that our boys never made a flinch. They sacrificed their home and all those dear to him, but what is that when our honor and justice was at stake.

I want to assure all the ladies of Grimsby that their hard work of the past and of today, has not been in vain. Could you only visit the many Canadian hospitals in England, you would have the satisfaction of seeing and knowing that the Canadian soldier lacks for nothing and is receiving the best of treatment.

Many of our sons are back in "Mighty" and surely it must be a comfort to you all to know that it was through you, and all your labor that they are reaping the harvest.

It is a very precious point with me to have to say that I am still in England, but I have not given up hopes. I am hoping that the day will come when a few of us which Fate has side tracked will be allowed to go forward and avenge our fallen brothers. At the present I am attached to the 4th Battalion stationed at Shorham by Sea. The camp is situated in one of the picturesque parts of the South of England. We are surrounded on all sides by hills. This district at one time was a beautiful Golf Links which boasts of a magnificent club house. The name of Happy Valley, is very appropriate, and, although we have had very severe weather for the past four weeks, every man is bright and cheerful, and one and all are carrying out his promise which we so often sing, "Pack all your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile."

Now ladies I have said more than enough so will close, and I again thank you for your thoughtfulness and kind remembrance.

Last but not least, may I say that the Sunday services, which we all so often attended, and the many hymns sung, have made us all think of you and days gone by. Our prayers daily are that this terrible struggle will soon come to an end, but not until victory has been ours. May God be with you all and protect and comfort you all in your hour of need.

Very sincerely,
Hartland Robt. Dickson.

THANKS

Mrs. W. Merriday, 216539,
C. Co. Machine Gun,
55th Bn. Canadians,
B. E. F. France.

Dear Mike,

I am so sorry I have not been able to write before, but just a line to thank you for the Xmas stocking; also thank all the other children for mine, and tell them I thought it awful good of them to have so much thought for the soldiers. I was one of the 95th Bn. and I belong to Wellington. Also to thank you for the bar of soap which came in nice and useful. So good luck to you and many thanks.

Pte. W. Merriday.

RED CROSS WORK

Under the Women's Institute We shipped to Canadian headquarters Toronto, the following:—
March 7.—42 suits pyjamas.
March 14.—45 Pairs socks to National Service for soldiers comforts.

There is always lots of work at the Council Chambers cut out and ready to sew. We saw every Wednesday at above mentioned place and if you can not come and stay the afternoon, come and take some garments home. Think, just a moment! Of what is happening on the Western Front at the present time and of the numberless garments needed for the wounded. Women of GRIMSBY is not this a time for WORK?

CAISTOR CENTRE

The regular meeting of the Abingdon Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Mrs. D. W. Nicholls on Wednesday, March 14th. Thirty-two members were present. After the usual business was transacted and the reports of the different committees received a short programme was enjoyed including a talk on "The Benefits derived from Women's Institutes," by Mrs. G. T. Packham; vocal duet, Mrs. Coon and Mrs. Newbolls; paper, "Food Values," Mrs. Marshall; piano solo, Mrs. M. Bush.

Red Cross work returned for last month consisted of 27 pairs socks, 33 pyjama suits and 27 day shirts. The meeting closed with "God Save the King." After which lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Waite on Wednesday afternoon, April 11th.

AUCTION SALE AT BEAMSVILLE
Acting for the administrators of the estate of the late Geo. M. Smith and the late Herschel G. Smith, Mr. Jas. A. Livingston, will offer for sale by public auction at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Smith, Beamsville, on Friday, March 30, 1917, a large quantity of household furniture and other articles belonging to the two estates. Bills containing list of the goods are now out. Sale commences at one o'clock. Terms six months' credit. Jas. A. Livingston, auctioneer.

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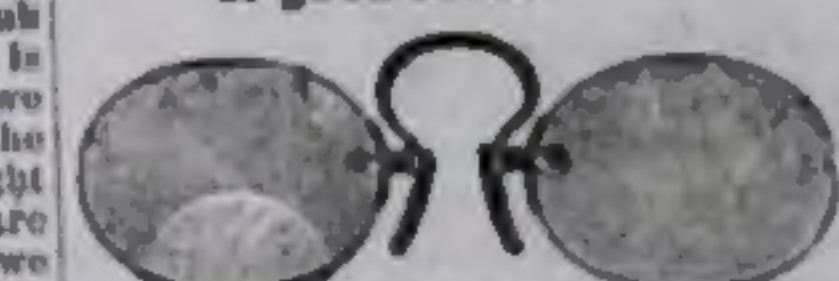
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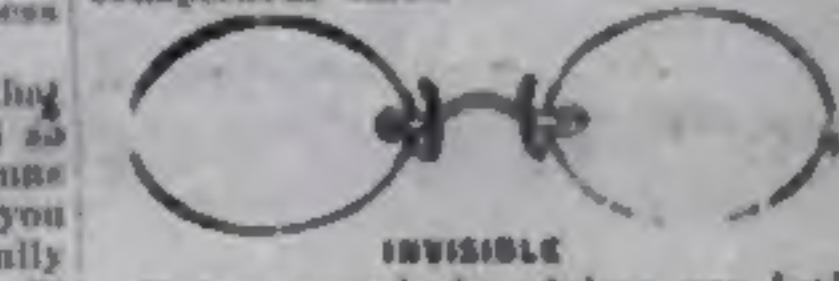
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A PAGE OF HISTORY

COL. KONKLE AS A LAD OF 19 WAS A MEMBER OF THE MILITIA

He Fought Through the Battles of Stoney Creek and Queenston and Shortly After was Given his First Commission—
Some Interesting Facts About the Cavalry Troop That Developed Into "B" Squadron 2nd. Dragoons.

THE STIRRING DAYS OF 1812-15

Some six or eight months ago an article appeared in the INDEPENDENT giving the history of what is now "Fighting B" Squadron, 2nd. Dragoons. At that time Mr. J. D. Bennett, of Bonaventure, informed us that the history was far from complete and offered to assist us in digging up further historical records, and to him we must extend our thanks for the following article.

This article deals mainly with the late Colonel Adam Konkle of Clinton Township, now deceased.

Col. Konkle, as a lad eighteen or nineteen years of age was a member of a troop of cavalry, attached to the 4th. Regt. Lincoln Militia, and fought through the battle of Stoney Creek and Queenston Heights. Shortly after this he was given the Commission of Ensign under Col. Nelles, and in 1830 was made Captain under Col. Nelles. In 1847 Captain Konkle became Major Konkle under Colonel Adams, who died in 1858 and in 1859 Major Konkle became Col. Konkle and remained in the active militia forces for a number of years, dying in 1883 at the ripe old age of 64 years and some months.

Following Captain Konkle in command of the troop (now known as "B" Squadron) came Zimmerman, Conrad Teeter, George Book, W. H. Patterson, Ed Gregory, Pollard Gregory, the Burchs of St. Anna and last "B" Squadron's present commander, Major Brooks, now Lt-Col. Brooks of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

The stirring days from the war of 1812 upwards for thirty years, along with names of members of the Troop are very ably told in an article clipped from the INDEPENDENT of February 19, 1902, and reproduced here exactly as written at that time by Mr. Bennett.

We also reproduce facsimiles of the different commissions granted to Col. Konkle.

CAPT. KONKLE'S TROOP Interesting Reminiscences of the War of 1812-1828.

Bonaventure, Feb. 17, 1902
Editor Independent:

Sir—In answer to a communication from Ingersoll which appeared in The Ingersoll Express, under date of Jan. 25th, 1902, referring to Capt. Konkle's Troop during the rebellion of 1837-38, and giving a list of names of those of which that Troop was composed. I take pleasure in complying with correspondent's request and am able to add many names to the list of those mentioned

The old gentleman, though laid aside through bodily infirmities, has a voice as strong and a mind as clear as in the days of his youth, and almost seemed to be young again as he recounted incident after incident of those long gone days were recalled. He spoke with pride of the gallantry and self-sacrifice of the Loyal Canadians who sprang to arms to repel the marauding rebels and their sympathizers, who vain would have torn the grand old flag from the proud position it holds, over the heads and in the hearts, of loyal Canadians. The name of every member of the troop seemed to be in his possession, being read to him, he mentioned the names of many that were omitted, and others, whose names were there, he said were not in the troop. He said that Capt. Konkle and his men brought their own outfit, uniform, saddle, bridle, spurs, and horse, at a cost of \$50.00 or over, not including horse. The Government purchased swords and pistols. He thought the government had not done right in recognizing the services of the gallant men of 1812-38, who so promptly responded when duty called to arms. He said if it was only a sovereign, it would show that their patriotism was not forgotten. But, he added, with a quiet chuckle, it would have to be a British sovereign. He is very proud of his sword and pistol he wore 65 and 66 years ago, and keeps them bright and hung up in his parlor. The old Sergeant was one of the men who stood guard over Judge Hamilton's house on the banks of the Niagara river, when the Caroline was fired, cut loose and sent down the Niagara river and over the Falls. He said the pay for outfit and horse was from \$50 to \$100 per day.

The writer will long remember the pleasant time he spent with the old veteran, recalling the scenes of his younger days. There are only three remaining of which the gallant troop was composed, namely: Sergt. George Muir, Grimsby, 92 years old; James G. Pettit, East Oxford, 85 years old; Henry P. Hixon, Scotland, Ont., 85 years old. Hoping that the foregoing may be of interest to some of your readers, I remain, Yours very truly,
Jas. D. Bennett.

MR. GEO. MABEY FED THE SOLDIERS

Through the courtesy of Mr. Charles E. Mabey, of GRIMSBY, we are allowed to publish two very interesting old documents that he has in his possession. These letters bring back to memory the stirring times of '36' when the Foulans tried to take us alive, but failed.

The letters were addressed to Mr. George Mabey, now deceased, father of Messrs. Charles and R. E. Mabey, of GRIMSBY. They are as follows:

Commissariat, Hamilton,
6th August, 1866.

Mr. Mabey—

Sir:—
I enclose on a cheque for £178. 6s. 7p. etc., for bread and meat supplied at Port Erie. Please receipt the vouchers and return them to me by return of post.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. MARSTON,
P.M.

Mr. Geo. Mabey,
Grimsby, C. W.

Commissariat, Toronto,
18th August, 1866.

No. 841.

Sir:—
It is probable that about 52 officers and men and 24 horses proceeding from Toronto to Thorold will encamp at Grimsby some day next week be prepared to attend to them on short notice. Perhaps a similar party may return from Thorold. A light wagon will be required to proceed to Thorold with baggage and one to Hamilton with the party exchange. I suppose if necessary, you can do this.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. G. SWAN
A. C. G.

Mr. Mabey,
R. Grimsby,
P. L. U.

COL. KONKLE'S COMMISSION

Sir Frederick Maitland, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

TO ADAM KONKLE, ESQ., GREETING:

Reposing especial confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct, I do hereby appoint you to be Ensign in the Fourth Regiment of Lincoln Militia during pleasure, and of which Regiment Robert Nelles, Esquire, is Colonel. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Ensign, by exercising, and well disciplining both the inferior Officers and Men of the said Militia. And I do hereby Command them to obey you as their Ensign. And you are to observe and follow all such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from me, or any other your Superior Officer, according to Law.

Given under my Hand and Office Seal at Arms, at York this twenty-sixth Day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty-two and in the Third year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. HILLIER.

F. MAITLAND.

Sir John Colborne, Knight, Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

TO ADAM KONKLE, ESQUIRE, GREETING:

Reposing especial confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct, I do hereby appoint you to be Captain in the Troop of Cavalry attached to the 4th. Regiment of Lincoln Militia (taking rank and precedence from the 1st. October, 1838) during pleasure, you are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Captain by exercising, and well disciplining both the inferior Officers and Men of the said Militia. And I do hereby Command them to obey you as their Captain. And you are to observe and follow all such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive from me, or any other your Superior Officer, according to Law.

Given under my Hand and Office Seal at Arms, at York this eighth Day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-one and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. COLBORNE.

His Excellency The Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

TO ADAM KONKLE, ESQUIRE, GREETING:

Reposing especial confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct, I do hereby appoint you, during pleasure, to be Major in the Third Battalion of Lincoln Militia, taking rank and precedence from the fourteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Major by exercising and well disciplining the inferior Officers and Men of the said Militia. And I do hereby Command them to obey you as their Major. And you are to observe and follow all such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from me, or any other of your Superior Officers, according to Law.

Given under my Hand and Office Seal, at Montreal this Seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven and in the eleventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,
D. Macdonnell, Lt. Colonel,
By Adj. Genl. MILLS

ELKIN & KINCARDINE

His Excellency The Right Honorable Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, One of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

TO MAJOR ADAM KONKLE of the Third Battalion, Lincoln Militia, GREETING:

Reposing especial confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and Good Conduct, I do hereby constitute and appoint you, during pleasure, to be Lieutenant Colonel, in the Militia Force of the Province of Canada, taking rank and precedence in the said Militia, from the sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of Lieutenant Colonel by exercising and well disciplining the inferior Officers and Men of the said Militia.

And I do hereby Command them to obey you as their Lieut. Colonel. And you are to observe and follow all such orders and directions as you shall from time to time receive from me, or any other of your Superior Officers, according to Law.

Given under my Hand and Office Seal, at Toronto, this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and in the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,
D. Macdonnell, Lt. Colonel,
By Adj. Genl. MILLS.

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OPENS MARCH 31st, 1917

Mr. C. E. Miller wishes to announce to the citizens of Grimsby and surrounding country that he will open a new Grocery Store on the corner of Depot and John Sts., Grimsby, on Saturday, March 31st, and will carry a full line of

Groceries, Cured and Cooked Meats,
Confectionery, Tobaccos, Cigars
and Soft Drinks

The public are invited to call and inspect the stock and prices.
An Ice Cream Parlor will be opened when the season arrives.

C.E. MILLER, Grimsby, Ont.

ONLY ONE MAN LIVING TO-DAY WHO DINED WITH SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD IN 1860

Circular Sent Out at That Time Contained Names of all the Prominent Men in the District of Whom Mr. Richard Peterson of St. Catharines is the Only Survivor—Sir John was Attorney-General of Canada West at that time.

DINNER HELD IN STEPHENSON HOUSE

We print below an exact duplicate of a circular sent out to residents of that time, for the purpose of arranging a dinner to be given in honor of the Hon. John A. Macdonald, previous to his being elected Premier of Canada. This circular is supplied to us by Mr. Jas. D. Bennett, of Bonaventure, and he informs us that to the best of his knowledge, there is but one man living to-day whose name appears on this circular, that gentleman being Mr. Richard Peterson of St. Catharines.

This circular, we believe, will be of interest to the many old-timers in this section.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO

THE HON. JOHN A. MACDONALD

Attorney General for Canada West.

At a Meeting held at the Stephenson House on Saturday, the 24th November, at 5 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of forming a Committee and transacting other business in connection with the Dinner proposed to be given to the Hon. J. A. Macdonald, on the 2nd. proximo—at which he will explain the views of the Government in relation to the political questions now before the country—it was:

Moved by J. F. Saxon, Esq., seconded by Major Date, that Col. J. W. O. Clark take the Chair.—Carried.

Moved by Wm. Cooke, Esq., seconded by Col. R. A. Clarke, that Mr. F. W. Macdonald be appointed Recording Secretary.—Carried.

Moved by J. F. Saxon, Esq., seconded by J. V. Lepper, Esq., that Jas. Keynour be appointed Corresponding Secretary.—Carried.

The following General Committee was then appointed:

Douglas, Peter C. Saxon, Alex. Saxon, Michael Cairns, Cap. Baxter, William Kingston, Johnson Church, Charles B. Seward, John Gault, William Dickson, William Moffatt, Charles A. P. Ball.

Grimsby—
Col. John Clark, Wm. N. Hall, Angus Cook, Jas. H. Bossey, Thomas Bates, William Jankin, William Duck, Andrew Doyle, Walter G. Martindale, Richard Wood, George Z. Rykert, Joseph Depot, Walter Gault, John Gibson, Thomas Keys, John Philip, Edward Hiscott.

Louth—
James W. O. Clark, George P. M. Hall, Solomon Record, William Boyle, William H. Road, Absalom Holmes, D. Barick, Col. D. Gregory, Samuel Emery, David Davis, David Broderick, Isaac S. W. Meyer, Ed. Gregory, James W. Keating, L. N. Bonney.

Clinton—
John McLean, Col. Adam Konkle, Robert Davis, Henry Meyer, John R. Walker, John I. Patterson, Philip Dean, Joseph Shumman, James S. Henry, Abraham Grebb, Henry Book, Joseph B. Culp, Benj. St. Catharines.

Richard Miller, Jas. F. Saxon, Chas. H. Powell, John H. Connolly, Richard A. Clarke, Samuel G. Dolson, Henry Middleberger, Jas. V. Lepper, Geo. Forbes, E. S. Friesman, John Fitzgerald, Alex. Sweeney, Thos. H. Gray, Dr. John Hostetter, Walter Osterhout, Josiah Holmes, Robert Harding, Jos. Robinson, Francis Stinson, Wm. Cooke, Dr. T. Clarke, Dr. Edwin Goodman, Hugh Murray, Thos. R. Brownlee, John L. Ranney, T. I. Heltwell, Godfrey Berger, John Jankin, Dr. Jakes, C. M. Arnold, Jacob Hainer, Richard Booth, Henry Howe, Thos. McCarthy, Wm. May, Alva Dietrick, Jas. Cairns, A. P. Collier, Chas. D. Langtry, Elkanah Rogers, Thomas Nugent, Richard Peterson.

Niagara—
John Simpson, M.P.P., William Kirby, Geo. A. Clement, Daniel Mc-

It was then resolved that the Dinner take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, the 2nd. prox.

Moved by Joseph A. Woodruff, Esq., seconded by G. P. M. Ball, Esq., that Col. John Clark be appointed to act as Chairman to preside at the Dinner; and in the event of his declining, that Col. J. W. O. Clark be appointed in his stead.—Carried.

Moved by Major Date, seconded by G. P. M. Ball, Esq.—
That Messrs. Powell, Holmes, Lepper, J. Jankin, Forbes, Saxon, Connor, and Connolly be an Executive Committee to issue Tickets at once—such Tickets to be signed by the Corresponding Secretary; and that such Committee take every requisite measure for the provision of the guests and the appointment of Stewards, &c. That they be a Committee also to make arrangements for the Dinner, and that Messrs. Connor, Berger, Howe and Clarke, be a Committee for Music and Decoration. Also, that the General Committee have a certain number of Tickets for disposal—the unsold balance to be returned to the Secretary on the day of the Dinner.

It was also moved and seconded, that Josiah Holmes, Esq., be Chairman of the Executive Committee and Treasurer to the General Committee.

Major Date was then moved to the Chair, when the thanks of the Meeting were tendered to Col. Clark for the able manner in which he presided over the deliberations.

At a subsequent Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on the 26th. instant, the Chairman reported that arrangements had been concluded with Mr. Stephenson for the Dinner; and on motion, the terms agreed upon by a special Committee were confirmed.

It was ordered, that the Corresponding Secretary embody these proceedings with those of the 24th. instant, in a Circular, and that a copy be sent to each Committeeman.

ST. CATHARINES, NOVEMBER 27th, 1860

DEAR SIR—
In conformity with the foregoing, I forward this Circular to you, and earnestly hope that you will use your best endeavors to render the Dinner worthy of the distinguished Gentleman to be honored by it and the strains ringing in his ears. It is important that a large number of the citizens living in this view, it is important that a large number of the citizens of Lincoln and Welland take place, to secure which, you will see the necessity of disposing of as many Tickets as possible—in be obtained from the Vice President in your vicinity, or from

Yours Respectfully,
JAMES KEYNOUR,
Corresponding Secretary.

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OTTAWA, CANADA.**

HON. MARTIN BURRELL, MINISTER.

LARGER FARM CROPS

Timely Information Given by
Professor Zavitz

Toronto, March 28.—At the annual meeting of the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature held today a propaganda was instituted towards meeting the problems imposed by the war on the agricultural industry. At the request of Sir William Hearst, Minister of Agriculture, Professor U. A. Zavitz, of the Ontario Agricultural College, spoke at some length on ways and means of increasing crop production and the right kinds of materials to use. Sir William himself made a few remarks emphasizing the need not only of growing foodstuffs, but of growing those kinds of foodstuffs which will be most needed here and in the Mother Country.

There was a desire on all sides, said Professor Zavitz, to do all possible to meet the very trying conditions that existed at the present time, but he hoped the suggestions he had to offer would be of real service in connection with the increase, if possible, and especially the quality of the crops of Ontario for the coming year.

Better Crops With Less Labor
Owing to the scarcity of labor all possible means should be adopted to economize labor. While many of these suggestions were obvious, their importance could not be too strongly emphasized if actual results were to be achieved on the year's operations. He, therefore, said that the consideration the farmer should not ready for the year's crop before the snow disappears from the ground. The seed should be selected, cleaned, and not ready for spring sowing. In the great majority of cases it had been found that the seed which produces the best results was that grown in the locality where it would be used. In Ontario, generally speaking, there was a lot of seed of good quality. At the College they had learned from a long series of experiments that "plump" seed gave much better results than small seed, but more seed would have to be used in sowing, as the plants from this class of seed were larger and more numerous than from small seed.

Plant at the Right Time
The next point made was the importance of planting the seed at the right time. Much had also been learned in this respect by experiments at the College. Briefly these results indicated that in the case of spring wheat it was important to get it in the ground just as quickly as the land could be worked. This should be immediately followed by oats. The barley should be put in next, then peas and beans. Getting the seed in to the ground at the right time means an addition of bushels per acre.

Beans Should be Grown
Turning his attention to the crops that might be sown to advantage, Professor Zavitz turned an increased sowing of beans. Beans were grown extensively in Michigan and New York States, and it was reasonable to assume that Ontario, lying between them, could grow beans profitably. The bean was a highly concentrated food product, and the seed available in Ontario was comparatively free from disease. The variety that he thought could be best to best advantage was the common white pea bean. They are already grown to some extent in every county in the Province, and could be greatly extended with profit. Prevailing prices are high and will continue to be so as long as the war lasts. He very strongly urged the growing of more beans.

The pea crop might also be increased, but he did not urge this strongly. Like the beans the pea was a concentrated food.

Room for More Oats
Another crop that could be increased to great advantage, said Professor Zavitz, was oats. The oat crop was exceedingly important. It was needed to feed our live stock, and live stock was greatly needed. The oat crop of Ontario was worth in value about one-quarter of all farm crops.

Reiterating his former advice about sowing good seed, he declared the farmer should insist on getting seed out of a known variety. There was a limited supply of O. A. C. No. 72 oats, and he understood the Dominion Government was arranging to get "Banner" seed oats from the West. In fact about 400,000 bushels had been collected for seed purposes in the terminal elevators. If the farmer could not secure these he suggested that No. 1 commercial seed oats be purchased, but on no account the ordinary commercial feeding oats. This point he strongly emphasized as being essential to success—first home grown seed and next western seed of known variety.

Professor Zavitz warned the farmer against purchasing at a high price seed oats that were exploited by United States seed houses, when the same quality of seed could be purchased in Ontario at from one-fifth to one-quarter the price.

The Potato Situation
At the request of the committee, Professor Zavitz referred briefly to the potato question. The existing high price of potatoes he thought would result in a great many people in cities and towns using vacant land for potato growing this year. This crop could also be very well extended because of its great food value. As he mentioned to be employed in sowing, he said, that best returns would be secured from sowing small immature potatoes from good, healthy plants, as potatoes raised from small potatoes of a poor variety. Large potatoes, when used, should be cut into pieces of about two ounces in weight. Experiments along this

line had been conducted over a series of years and the two-acre seed houses already similar conditions to one-acre plots, and had given a yield of 17 bushels per acre. This was also demonstrated at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa where a better result from potatoes from Indian Head than from places further south. Not because the potatoes came from Indian Head, but rather that the potatoes did not come to the same degree of maturity. Give first preference to your home-grown seed by all means.

The weather conditions last year, said Professor Zavitz, were abnormal. Fortunately much of the seed in Ontario was from the same source. The labor scarcity continued to be acute, and it could not well be expected while the war lasted. But he was assured that if his suggestions that he had thrown out to the committee were adopted seriously by the farmers of Ontario, the seed prepared before the snow disappears, sowing done at the proper time and "plump" seed selected, free from disease or blight, that the results to the farmers from this season's crop, under reasonable weather conditions, would be astonishing to the farmers themselves and a great help to the country.

SURFACE MOTED FOR HOME USE

A surface bed is made by putting properly heating horse manure in compacted layers making a flat side about 15 to 18 inches high and a foot longer and wider than the frame to be placed on top of it. The frame need be of any convenient size to fit the soil available. It should be, however, facing the south and the front side should be 4 to 8 inches lower than the back, in order to get the most direct rays of the sun and provide for water running off. Care should be taken that the front side is of sufficient width to allow head room for the plants after the soil has been put in. Usually a board 19 or 22 inches wide in front and 14 to 15 inches wide in the back is necessary.

Manure should be backed up about the sides to furnish protection. Four to six inches of soil is usually placed in the bed and seeds may be sown directly in this soil or sown in boxes and the boxes placed on the surface of the soil.

Where seed is sown directly in the bed, violent heating when usually takes place immediately after the bed is made should have subsided. Watering should be done only as necessary, and ventilation should be given regularly, in order to keep the plants in a thrifty growing condition.

TAPLETTOWN

The Taplestown Literary Society held a very successful Box Social and concert on Friday evening, March 18, in St. George's hall. The Stoney Creek Orchestra furnished a delightful musical programme which was pleasingly interspersed with the following local literary talent: Vocal solo, Miss Sam Armstrong; recitation, Wm. Hubbard; song, Master Grant Cranston; recitation, Flossie Clark; reading, Miss Lazzelle Krick; recitation, Leslie Thomas; reading, Miss Orpha Lee; recitation, Bertha Clark.

The sale of boxes amounted to the handsome sum of \$85 which will be donated to the Red Cross fund. On Friday evening, March 23, the Literary Society of this place will meet as usual in St. George's hall, when a good programme will be given. The debate, resolved "That the Women of Canada should have their franchise," will be of great interest. The speakers for the affirmative will be Rev. G. M. Thompson and W. S. Milne of this place and Miss Ross and Mr. J. J. Bertram of Vinemount, for the negative.

ST. ANNS

Mr. and Mrs. John Harcourt went to Hamilton, on Thursday. Mrs. Frank Mingie and Mrs. Jacob Upper, went to Hamilton on Saturday. Mrs. Jacobs of Smithville, visited her daughter, Mrs. Roland Hill, a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parks visited friends in Welland over the week-end. Mr. Ed. Fisher, of Detroit, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fisher.

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